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Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-1211
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Maeda et al.

Application No.: 09/048,076

Filed: March 26, 1998

Art Unit: 2741

For: VECTOR SEARCH METHOD

Examiner: A. Azad

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION
FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant, Sony Corporation, through its attorneys as represented in the Power of Attorney enclosed herewith, hereby petitions for revival of the above application.

On or about December 9, 2005, applicant, Sony Corporation, requested Cooper & Dunham LLP, the prior attorneys of record, forward its file in connection with the above-identified application to the undersigned attorneys for handling of all further prosecution. Upon receipt of the file, the undersigned attorneys promptly reviewed the file and determined that the application had been abandoned. Upon contacting the PTO, it was confirmed that the status of the application was abandoned due to the failure to submit new formal drawings. The undersigned attorneys contacted the applicant, Sony Corporation, who confirmed that it did not wish for this application to

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become abandoned. It is respectfully requested that the PTO review the following information and allow this application to pass to issuance. The following is presented to the PTO in support of this petition and is based solely on the contents of the file as it was furnished to the undersigned. The previous attorney, Jay H. Maioli, is no longer employed with the firm of Cooper & Dunham LLP and therefore is not available to provide any further information.

On July 27, 2000, a Notice of Allowance was mailed to Cooper & Dunham LLP, which included a request for new formal drawings to be submitted. Cooper & Dunham LLP submitted the issue fee and transmittal form on October 23, 2000 via first class mailing, as evidenced by the Certificate of Mailing contained therein (Exhibit A). A photocopy of the check and postcard presumably sent with the issue fee and transmittal were contained in the file received from the previous attorneys (Exhibit B). The file does not contain any other documents filed in the PTO or received from the PTO after the payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, it is believed that Cooper & Dunham LLP did not file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.

It is clear from the contents of the file that the issue fee was timely submitted by applicant's previous attorneys, but the new formal drawings were inadvertently omitted. It is not clear from the file, however, that a Notice of Abandonment had even been received because it is not in the file. For that reason, applicant was unaware that this application had been abandoned.

The entire delay from the due date for submitting the formal drawings until the filing of this petition was unintentional as the applicant, Sony Corporation, and its prior attorneys, Cooper & Dunham LLP, believed all required actions had been timely taken to obtain the issuance of a patent. Attached as evidence of the applicant's continuing intention for the application to issue as a patent is a copy of a letter dated May 30, 2006, from Fumihiko Moriya, the Senior General Manager, Intellectual Property Division of Sony Corporation, authorizing the undersigned attorneys to prepare and file a petition to revive the present application (Exhibit C).

Applicant therefore petitions for revival of this application based on unintentional delay. A copy of the formal drawings is hereby submitted as Exhibit D. The petition fee in the amount of \$1,500.00 and any additional fees due should be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-1095. In view of the documents submitted and statements made herein, it is respectfully requested that the present petition be granted and the application issue as a patent.

Dated: June 22, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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October 23, 2000

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	TOTAL CLAIMS	EXAMINER AND GROUP ART UNIT	DATE MAILED
09/048,076	03/26/98	005	AZAD, A	2741 10/27/00

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Re: SONYJP 9,0-001 General Correspondence

Dear Mr. Robert B. Cohen,

In connection with the above identified case, we acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter of March 24, 2006.

Will you please file a petition to revive with respect to items 3 and 5 shown below.
Sorry for delaying our instruction.

	Your Ref. No.	Application No.	Our Ref. No.
3.	SONY JP 3.0-1203	08/736,546	S96P0903US00
5.	SONY JP 3.0-1211	09/048,076	S98P0297US00

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Yoshihiko Oikawa

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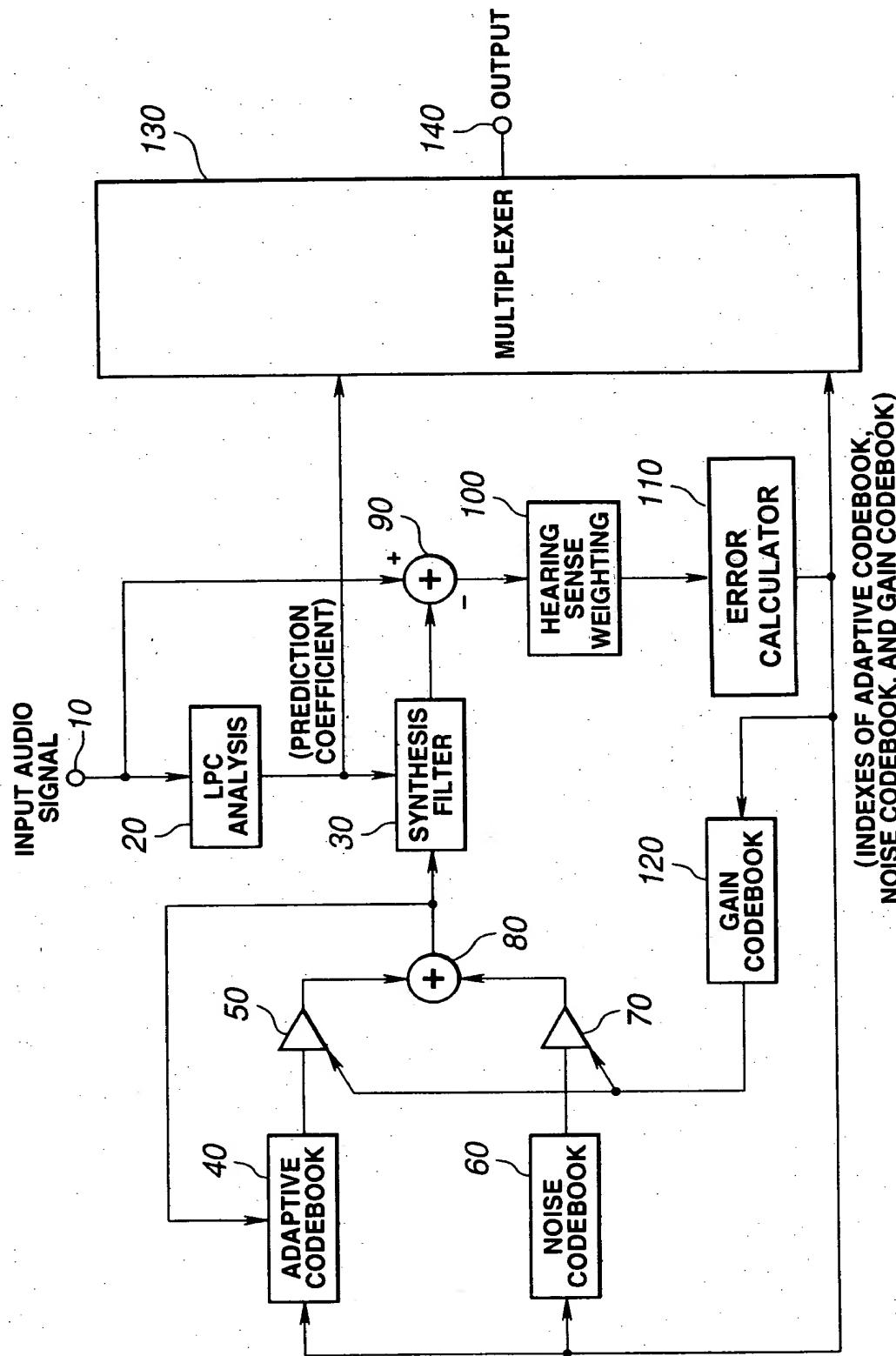
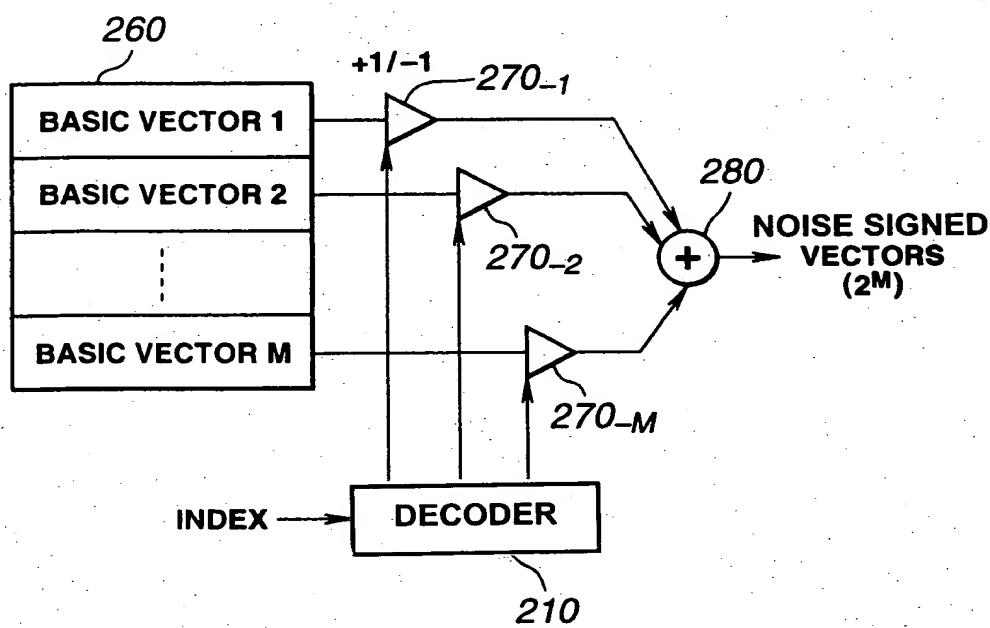
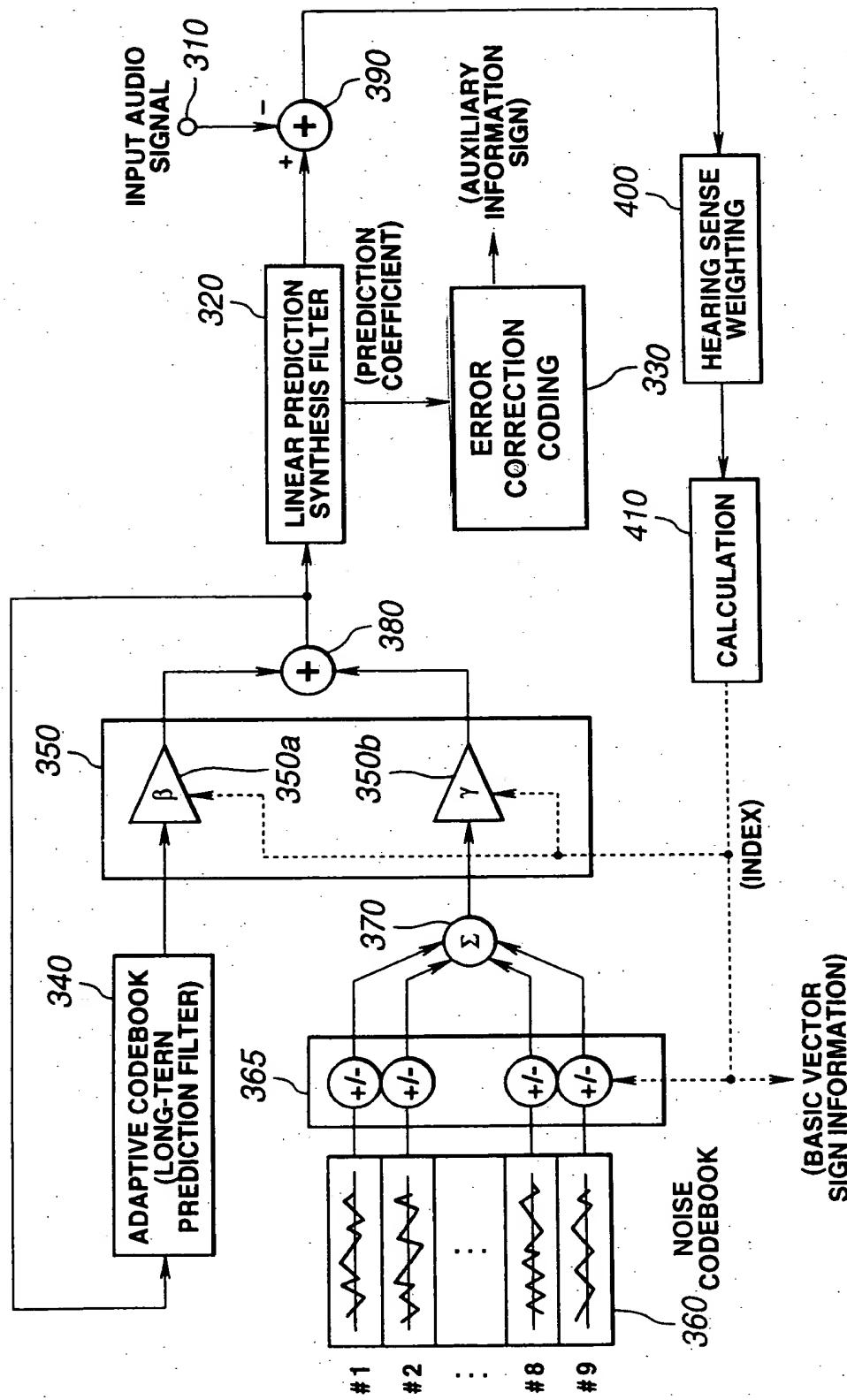


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

**FIG.2****(PRIOR ART)**



(PRIOR ART)

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FIG.4**(PRIOR ART)**

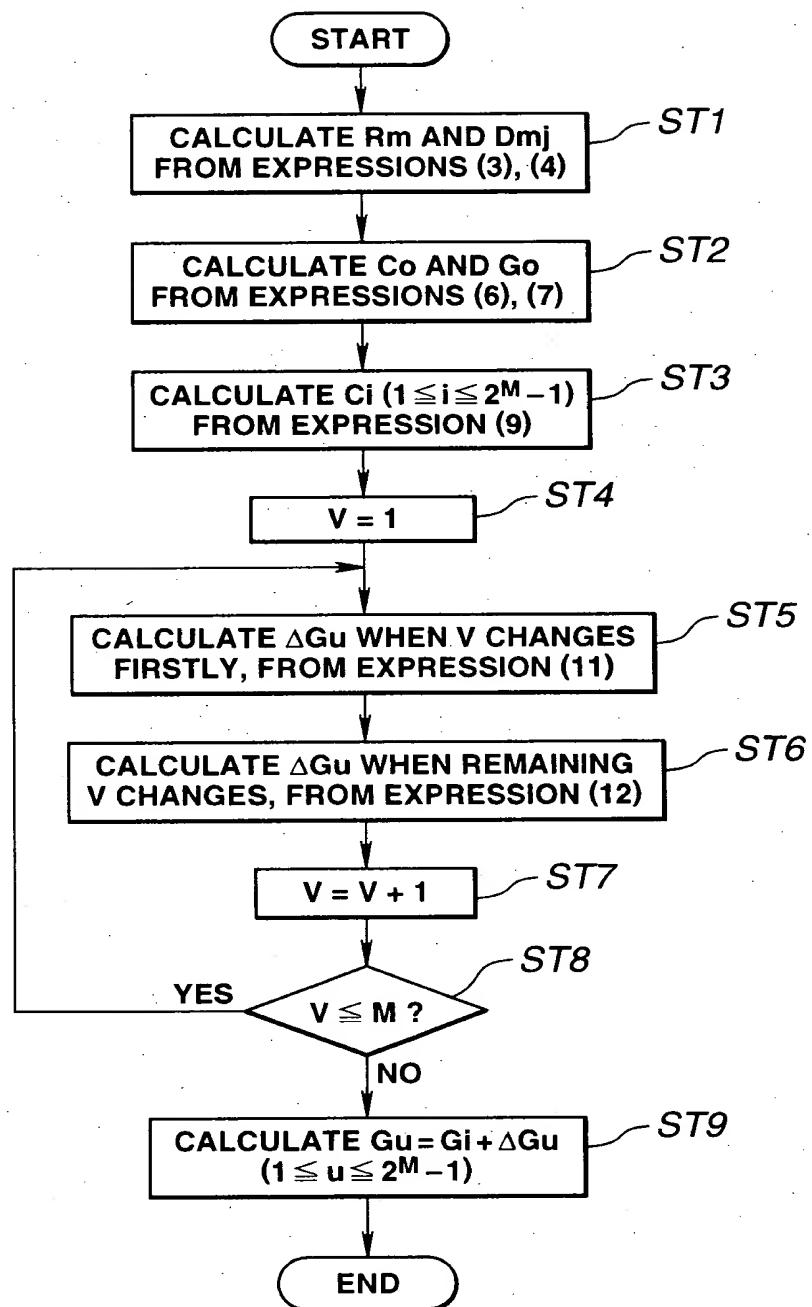


FIG.5

FIG.6A

M	MULTIPLICATION		
	PRESENT INVENTION	CONVENTIONAL	RATIO
4	57	90	0.633
5	118	248	0.475
6	231	630	0.367
7	444	1524	0.291
8	853	3570	0.239

FIG.6B

M	ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION		
	PRESENT INVENTION	CONVENTIONAL	RATIO
4	49	45	1.089
5	103	124	0.831
6	207	315	0.657
7	409	762	0.537
8	805	1785	0.451

FIG.6C

M	WRITING TO MEMORY		
	PRESENT INVENTION	CONVENTIONAL	RATIO
4	30	15	2.0
5	62	31	2.0
6	126	63	2.0
7	254	127	2.0
8	510	255	2.0

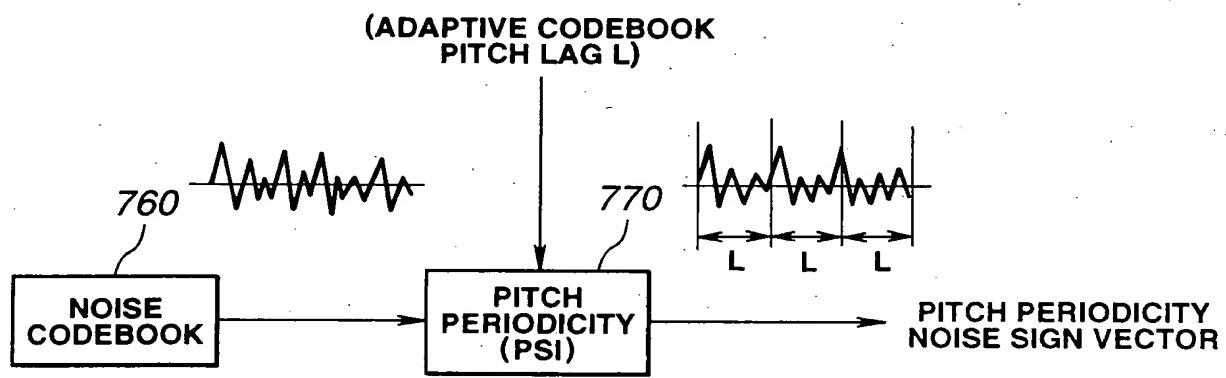


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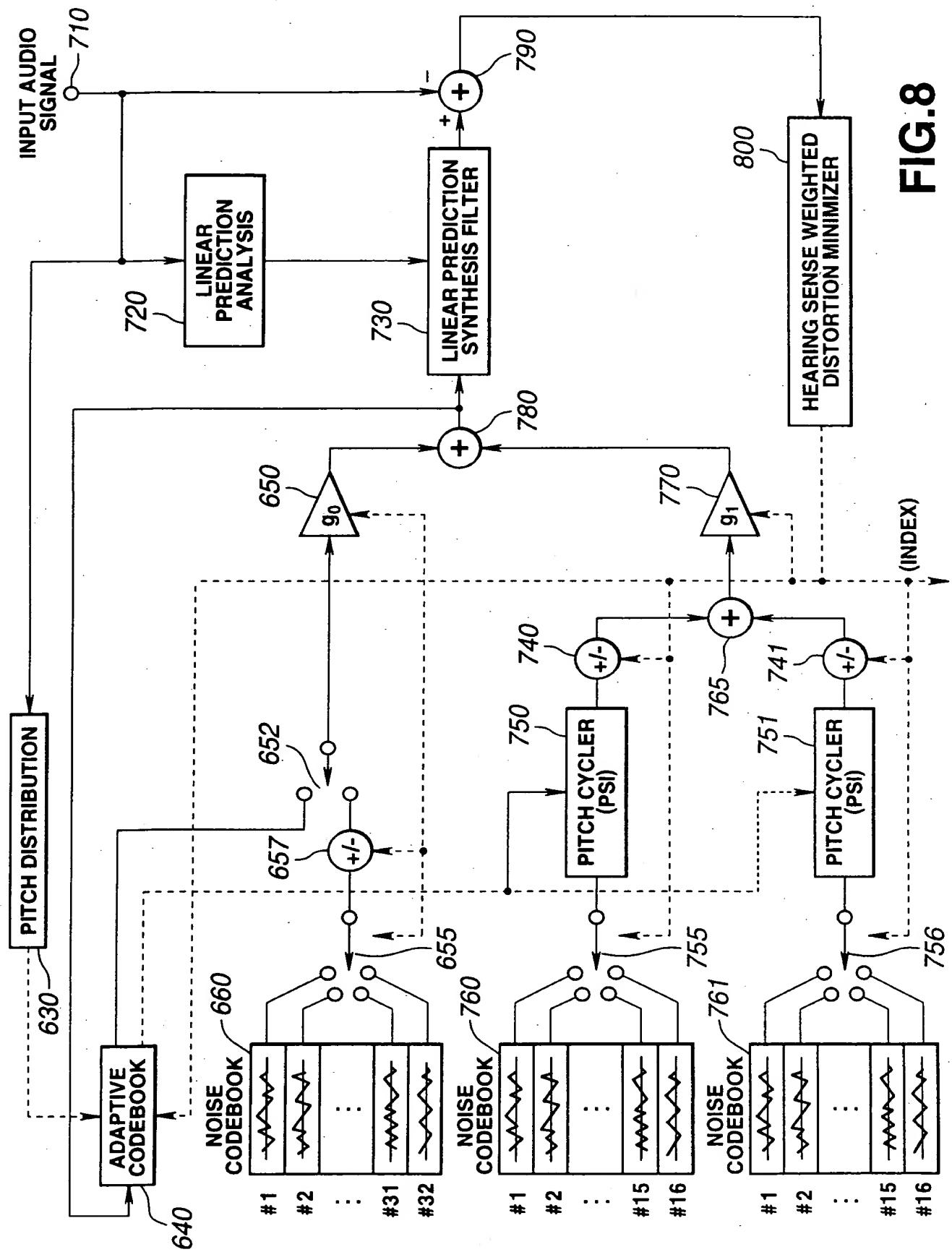


FIG.8